

REMARKS

Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 14 to remove unnecessary language and to indicate that the chamber is configured to receive the object to be chilled and that the helical flow of fluid takes place in contact with the object to be chilled. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 10, 11 and 14-21 stand rejected as anticipated by Galockin, while claims 7-9 and 12 stand rejected as obvious over Galockin alone. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Galockin's cooling unit 12 includes cooling pipes 48 wrapped around a tank or canister 42. Galockin's "object to be chilled" is the canister itself, which is disclosed as being a canister for containing carbonated water. Galockin's canister is not configured to receive any object to be chilled and does not receive such an object in use. The fluid in Galockin's apparatus that performs the cooling flows through the pipes 48 and not in a helical path within a chamber that receives the object to be chilled. Furthermore, Galockin's cooling fluid is never in contact with the object to be chilled. As a result, Galockin neither identically discloses nor suggests the invention as claimed.

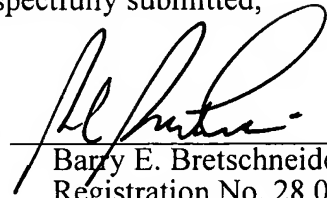
Early action allowing claims 1-12 and 14-21 is solicited.

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